

Spirited Singing in Christian Worship

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Introduction: We need to focus on Christian worship, specifically singing (**I Corinthians 14:15**). Throughout this week we have talked a lot about every aspect of our worship to God. Singing is one of the ways we express ourselves. Personally, I love to sing. And I love listening to music. Let's consider a few ways to improve our singing together . . .

Discussion:

I. Singing in Christian Worship Should Be Personal

- A. It is personal because Christian worship is directed toward our Heavenly Father.
John 4:24, Revelation 2-3, Exodus 4
- B. It is personal because Christian worship glorifies our personal Savior.
John 3:16, Acts 16:25, Romans 15:9,11
- C. It is personal because Christian worship includes people that are filled with the Holy Spirit.
I Corinthians 6:18-20, Acts 2:38-39
- D. It is personal because Christian worship is a way for us to bless other Christians.
Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 4:16, 4:29, 5:19

II. Singing in Christian Worship Should Be Passionate

- A. Passionate worship comes from real people.
John 4:19-24, Matthew 6:5
- B. Passionate worship makes God the #1 priority.
Matthew 6:33
- C. Passionate worship is pure.
I Corinthians 14:40
- D. Passionate worship is positive.
Acts 16:25
- E. Passionate worship is without prejudice. It includes, not excludes.
I Corinthians 1:17-34
- F. Passionate worship is going in prepared.
Matthew 7:7
- G. Passionate worship is leaving provoked.
Hebrews 10:23-25
- H. Passionate worship is without pride.
Psalms 22:22, Hebrews 2:12



III. Singing in Christian Worship Should Include Praise

- A. Songs of praise should be given with all our heart.
Matthew 22:37-40, Ephesians 5:18-20, I Samuel 16, Psalm 51
- B. Songs of praise should be given with all our soul (spirit).
I Corinthians 14:15, Colossians 3:16-17, Ephesians 5:20
- C. Songs of praise should be given with all our mind.
I Corinthians 14:15, Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19
- D. Songs of praise should be given with all our strength.
James 5:13, Psalm 96, Isaiah 40:31

Conclusion: Think about what we've talked about. Singing is personal – Do you know God? Singing is passionate – Do you put your whole heart into your worship? Singing is intended to praise our God – Do you seek to please God and praise Him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? This is a great time and place to get a fresh new start!